Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total loss of foreign exchange as a result thereof; and

(d) whether it is proposed to revive the plantation of red oil palm by removing endemic forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the Island Development Authority held on 27 12-1986 there is a moratorium on expansion of Red Oil Plan Plantation in A&N Islands until a detailed environmental impact assessment is completed and all aspects have been examined on an integrated basis. Also as per provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 diversion of forest land for raising Red Oil Palm is prohibited except with the prior approval of the Central Government.

(c) There is no loss of foreign exchange involved as the production from existing plantation has not been stopped.

(d) No, Sir, One of the Basic objectives of the National Forest Policy is to conserve the natural heritage of the country by preserving the remaining natural forests with the vast variety of flora and fauna, which represents the remarkable biological diversity and genetic resources of the country. The policy also provides that such natural forests which also help to maintain ecological balance will not be made available to industries for undertaking plantations and for any other activities.

Health Scheme for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh

*479. SHRI GAYA PRASAD KORI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Health and Family Welfare Schemes/Programmes implemented for Scheduled Tribes in Uttar Pradesh during each of the last three years;

(b) the targets fixed for this purpose during the said period and the achievements made; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated for this purpose in the Eight Plan and the targets fixed in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M.L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c). Information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Import of Locomotives

*480. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to purchase electric locomotives from the Asea Brown Boverri of Sweden;

(b) whether the purchase contract has been finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted in awarding the contract;

(d) whether the Chittaranjan Locomo-